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**Accused in 2007 murder case gets bail hearing**

**COURTS** A bail hearing is scheduled for this morning involving one of the two accused of first-degree murder in the death of Jennifer Horne.

Ashley Haley has been in jail for more than two years and is currently awaiting trial in the highly publicized case.

Haley, along with her common-law spouse, Desmond Maguire, each face first-degree murder charges in the death of 20-year-old Horne.

The bail hearing begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax.

Horne was killed in December, 2007 and police found her body on New Year's Eve in a Dartmouth apartment. **METRO HALIFAX**

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**Canada wins big**

Cole Harbour's Sidney Crosby celebrates with Jarome Iginla after Iginla's second-period goal last night against Norway as part of the Vancouver Winter Olympics. The Canadian team went on to win 8-0 in its opening game of the tournament, with Crosby picking up three assists. **More coverage, page 11**

**HRM mulls 'Give-Away Weekends'**

**COUNCIL** Halifax regional council has thrown its support behind the introduction of two "Give-Away Weekends" in HRM.

Held twice a year in June and October, residents would be permitted to leave unwanted household items at the curb to be collected by anyone who wants or needs them.

Council voted unanimously last night to pass the proposal along to staff, who will examine its feasibility and return to council with a recommendation on whether to go ahead with the idea.

Coun. Gloria McCluskey, who put the motion forward, said the weekends would help divert trash from landfills.

Ottawa and Winnipeg have already implemented similar programs, McCluskey said, and as long as the public is educated about the rules and etiquette surrounding the events, they have generally been a success.

"As they say, one person's trash is another's treasure," she quipped.

But some councillors had reservations.

"If it's not taken and stays on the sidewalk, then whose responsibility is it to pick it up?" asked Coun. Steve Stretch. "I just want to make sure we have all our I's dotted and our T's crossed."

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## Making cents of it all

Politicians urged to max expense accounts, former MLA says

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**Former Tory MLA Len Goucher says MLAs were urged to max out their expense accounts.**

"I'm not going to mince words; we were urged to use it or lose it," Goucher was quoted on Global TV telling a hand-picked news conference yesterday.

"I guess it would be fair to say I was naïve in following that advice." The top spender identified in the MLA expense report told a press conference of Global, News 95.7 and The Weekly News he would not apologize for his purchases. Goucher is

**Final appearance**

• In what he called his final conversation with the media, former MLA Len Goucher claims he has been unjustly

refusing to speak with any other media outlets.

"I didn't give you any (notice for the press conference) because I only invited certain people that were decent to my family and my name and the ones that I felt probably should have it. And those were three that I invited and that was the end of it," Goucher told Metro

News when reached by phone.

Goucher then said "I'm very sorry. Anyway, you have a good day," and hung up.

Goucher insisted everything he purchased was legitimate and 100 per cent for "the betterment of my residents," says The Weekly News. Goucher expensed 12

printers, 11 computers, five cameras and four video recorders over three years. His \$38,694 in total assets led all MLAs.

He admits his grandson owns the Dance Dance Revolution Xbox 360 game he expensed to taxpayers, but said he had no idea how it got on the list.

Goucher said he chose to run a "technologically savvy" office with an updated website and even green screen technology.

"If (me) trying to do my job offended people, I'm sorry for that. But I was trying to do my job and I was trying to do my job fully within the guidelines set up by the Speaker's office," he said.



Len Goucher

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## City airport second best on continent, rankings say

**QUALITY** Halifax Stanfield International Airport has been ranked the second-best overall airport in North America.

The 2009 Airport Service Quality ratings place HSLA behind only Austin-Bergstrom International Airport in Austin, Texas. In the class of airports receiving under five-million passengers each year, Halifax came first for airports around the world for overall passenger satisfaction. It's the seventh-straight year the airport has received the top ranking for the category.

In a press release yesterday, HSLA president Tom Ruth said the secret to its success is the people who work there.

"They are our greatest asset and the reason why we continue to achieve worldwide recognition," he said.

The Airports Council International of Switzerland based the rankings on passenger surveys. In 2009, 140 airports participated in the survey across the world.

Halifax's scored a 4.39 out of a possible 5 in the survey of 34 separate elements of passenger experience.

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## News in brief

**SFX CONTRACT** Antigonish's St. Francis Xavier University and its unionized faculty have reached a tentative contract agreement. Administration officials and the faculty association announced the deal yesterday. The union's executive will be recommending the package to the membership. They have been without a contract since the end of June. A date for the ratification vote hasn't been scheduled.

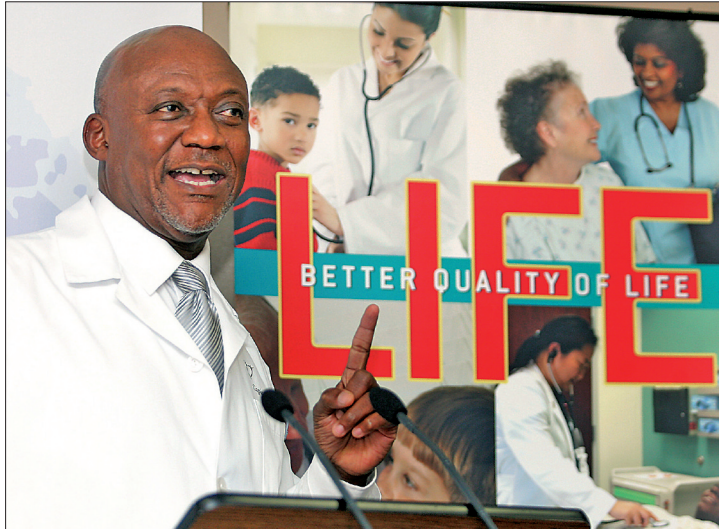
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Dr. Casely Tetteh Ago, chief of radiation oncology for Capital Health, speaks at a press conference in the Bethune Building yesterday. The province is contributing \$10.1 million toward a radiation-therapy project, which should help reduce wait times for cancer patients.

## Cancer tech on way

### Provincial cash gives boost to radiation therapy

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**The plan to buy new cancer-fighting technology is back on track after the province announced a \$10.1-million cash infusion yesterday.**

Hospitals in Halifax and Cape Breton will receive four new radiation-therapy bunkers and two advanced linear accelerators. The QEII Foundation is also kicking off a campaign to raise \$4 million for technology improvements.

Doctors say the new machines allow them to "sculpt" radiation around tumours far more precisely while limiting damage to healthy cells. This allows them to increase the dosage and kill cancer more effectively, while reducing side-effects and the chance of cancer reoccurring.

But the machines may

not lower wait times so much as keep them from growing worse.

"The wait times here are within the national benchmarks. However, they're right at the stage where that could change because they're at capacity and the number of people who have cancer and have need for this therapy is growing," said Health Minister Maureen MacDonald.

"We are in danger, as cancer increases and more people need therapy, with the aging equipment that we have of falling behind the benchmarks."

The equipment will not be fully installed until 2012. From then on, MacDonald said they could clear two people off wait lists each day. This should lead to some wait-time improvements, especially for people on the lower half of priority.

Dr. Casely Tetteh Ago, chief of radiation oncology

for Capital Health, said he is thrilled to finally have the machines coming. He said they will have a great impact, but technologically Nova Scotia is still just catching up to other provinces and countries.

The machines were originally announced in March of 2007 with the federal government giving \$24 million and district health authorities throwing in another \$5 million. But when it eventually came time to buy the equipment, costs had ballooned and the feds wouldn't add any more money. Provincial cabinet decided last Thursday to fund the gap.

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## HRM to consult public during polling-district review

**COMMITTEE** HRM is planning a review of its polling districts before the next municipal election in 2012.

A committee chaired by Mayor Peter Kelly will start holding public meetings later this month as part of the first phase of the boundary review process.

Kelly says discussion points will include the role of a councillor, decision-making powers, and the size of both regional and community councils.

Once the first phase of public consultation is complete, council will make a decision on a governance model. Based on the out-

come, specific district boundaries could be adjusted or revised and residents will be consulted again in the fall.

Under the HRM Charter, the municipality is required to undertake a full district-boundary review every eight years.

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## Constituency money should not fund charities: Advocate

**SPENDING** Nova Scotia's political spending scandal has a national citizens' advocacy group questioning the use of constituency allowances as charitable donations to individuals and community organizations. Scott Hennig of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation said yesterday it's not appropriate for politicians to effectively act as an arm of government by "funding their own programs."

Hennig, the organization's national communications manager, said in an interview expense allowances should be used to set up and run constituency offices so members can act as the public's "conduit to government."

"In the other case, you are acting as the government creating a program... that in most cases is not in place and perhaps for good reason," he said.

Hennig said the practice is more widespread across the country than it should be at all political levels.

He said politicians have created expectations among community groups that see members' donations through advertising and charities as a continuing source of funding.

Hennig wonders whether it creates the impression that fundraising is unnecessary.

"Either government or the groups themselves should be funding through other means," he said. "It's certainly simpler to ask a politician to cut you a cheque than to go out and do the hard work of selling tickets or raising funds... and that's a problem."

Hennig added that he has no problem with politicians promoting their work through the distribu-

## Expense recovery

• The Speaker of the Nova Scotia legislature says his office is in the process of notifying members how much they owe taxpayers for inappropriate and duplicate expenditures.

Charlie Parker said letters would be going out either later yesterday or today to eight members identified in the recent auditor general's

report as having spent constituency allowance money inappropriately.

A further 28 members will receive letters by the end of the week verifying details on money owed for duplicate payments they received.

Parker said the letters will either verify that a member has already paid up or will request that they do so.

He said that he knows of no instances so far where a member has objected to paying back any sum owed.

He said he expects that all of the money owed will be collected by his office.

tion of Canadian or provincial flags or similar souvenirs.

"It's a bit more appropriate than something that has the member's name or picture or something they are going to have direct electoral benefit from," he said.

Hennig added that as the practice becomes "entrenched," an entitlement is created that becomes difficult to eliminate.

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## Fishing captain slapped with fine over discrepancy in herring catch

**COURT** A fishing captain from Nova Scotia was fined \$30,000 yesterday for violating the terms of his herring licence.

Federal fishery officers boarded the boat of Patrick Wordlow Goreham of Oak Park and discovered a discrepancy.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans says fishermen are required to report any discrepancy in the

weight of their catch on board their boat to what is actually off-loaded.

Supervisor Dan Fleck of the Fisheries Department says the fine imposed in Yarmouth Provincial Court sends a clear message about the importance of the herring stock, particularly for the lobster fishery as herring is a favourite food for lobsters.

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**Eskasoni chief resigns for health reasons**

The chief of Eskasoni First Nation has resigned. Sources say the community was notified Monday that Charlie Dennis has stepped down due to health concerns. In a letter by Dennis, he says illness over the past few months has meant he has been unable to fulfil his duties as chief. **CAPE BRETON POST**

## Rescued man critically hurt in home fire

**CAPE BRETON** A 73-year-old Cape Breton man was critically injured yesterday after being caught in his burning home in an early morning fire.

Cape Breton Regional Police say they responded to 36 Villa Nova Road in Dominion just before 2 a.m., and on arrival, officers could hear the smoke detector sounding and smell smoke coming from the residence.

The officers forced the locked door open and through heavy smoke noticed a foot of the man. They were able to pull him to safety on the rear step of the home and an officer, with the assistance of a neighbour, began CPR on the man until EHS arrived.

Members of the Dominion fire department extinguished the blaze and police secured the scene. The cause of the fire is believed to be electrical in nature. **CAPE BRETON POST**

## Antigonish seeks reversal of library funding cut

**PROVINCE** The town of Antigonish is asking the provincial government to reconsider a decision to reduce library funding.

Antigonish council passed a motion Monday to send a letter to Ramona Jennex, the minister of Service Nova Scotia, asking her department to reverse the decision to stop paying the cost of Internet services in the province's libraries.

Mayor Carl Chisholm says the town also voiced its concerns to the minister in person last week.

Chisholm says the town had an informative and constructive meeting with Jennex on a range of issues. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# City's Games only year away

## Shinny marks countdown to 2011 Canada Winter Games

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**You couldn't have asked for a better day for a game of shinny.**

The sun shone down and the mercury rose above the freezing mark as a handful of HRM councillors, Canada Games organizers and Halifax Mooseheads took to the pavement outside city hall yesterday for a street hockey tournament.

The event, organized to mark the beginning of a one-year countdown to the 2011 Canada Winter Games in Halifax, drew about 150 people to Grand Parade to watch the proceedings.

"What better time for an event like this than during the Olympics, when the spotlight is on our country's athletes," said Andrea Young, communications coordinator for the 2011 Canada Games. "When the torch goes out in Vancouver, the country will look to Halifax for the next generation of Olympic athletes."

After several rounds of play, "Team Crosby" eventually triumphed — taking home the gold as about 150 cheered on from the sidelines.

"It was a big team effort," joked Mooseheads right-winger Travis Randell,



Halifax Mooseheads players play a game of street hockey along with some city councillors and other hockey fans in front of city hall yesterday. The game was part of a Nova Scotia Day celebration at Grand Parade.

proudly displaying his cardboard medal. "People were saying it was a controversial win, but I think there was good, honest hard work out there."

Randell, 19, is a former Canada Games athlete himself, and said he was happy to volunteer for the event.

"I played in 2007 in the Yukon and it was a great experience, so to come out and support a day like this

**"We want the whole province to really embrace the spirit of sport."**

Andrea Young, 2011 Canada Games

is great," the Newfoundland and Labrador forward said. Organizers recently launched a massive cam-

paign to recruit up to 5,000 volunteers for the Canada Games, expected to be the largest sporting event in Halifax's history. Young said they are hoping to engage as many Nova Scotians as possible in the festivities.

"The Games are in 2011, but long after that we want people to be getting active," she said. "We want the whole province to really embrace the spirit of sport."

## Public sector worried about pension cuts

**ECONOMY** On the eve of a critical meeting with Treasury Board president Stockwell Day, the head of one of Canada's largest public sector unions said yesterday he's worried the federal government is poised to take an axe to public sector pension plans.

John Gordon, president of the Public Service Alliance of Canada, was in Halifax yesterday to meet with union members and said various think-tanks includ-

### Campaign

- The 166,000-member Public Service Alliance of Canada union recently launched a campaign that includes a Facebook page, online petition, public rallies and the slogan: "Hands off our pensions."

ing the C.D. Howe Institute and the Canadian Federation of Independent Business have recently taken

aim at public sector pensions, saying they are too rich for taxpayers.

With most private sector pensions taking a beating in recent years, the debate is heating up.

But Ottawa has said nothing as it prepares to deliver a budget March 4.

The uneasy silence has left public servants fretting about the future as the Conservatives search for ways to reduce a massive deficit that is expected to swell to

\$56 billion this year.

"Silence sometimes gets our members worried," Gordon said in an interview.

Gordon is scheduled to meet with Day today.

Day couldn't be reached for comment, but his office released a statement yesterday that revealed little about his plans.

"As we work through this global economic downturn, our approach will be fair," he said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Deep Panuke gas project faces delay

**ENERGY** The Deep Panuke natural gas project off Nova Scotia is going to be a few months late coming on line and likely won't be producing until the middle of 2011.

A spokeswoman for Calgary-based Encana Corp. says drilling work continues but a delay in construction of the production facility, being built in the Middle East, has thrown them off schedule.

Lori MacLean says unforeseen circumstances like weather also delayed the drilling program and the cost of the project has been pushed from an estimated \$760 million to \$800 million.

The drilling was expected to start last fall but they weren't able to get a rig in position until after Christmas.

The Rowan Gorilla III is currently working on a new disposal area for waste gases and will move on to four existing delineation wells to prepare them for production.

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## Antigonish to help flood victims

**DAMAGE** Residents of a neighbourhood in Antigonish who say the area has been flooded 60 times since 1999 are being promised help by the Nova Scotia town.

Mayor Carl Chisholm says the town is ready to act on an engineering report to alleviate problems in the area, which includes Whidden Street, Centennial Drive and Archibald Court.

Residents have told council that damage from the floods has caused \$1.5 million in damages.

Chisholm says work in the neighbourhood will begin as soon as the weather co-operates.

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A comedy fundraiser for homelessness is taking place Thursday at 8:30 p.m. at Westin Nova Scotia. Titled Raising the Roof through Laughter, the event will feature Jeff McEnery, Derek Seguin and Kathleen McGee on the Yuk Yuk's stage. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students. **METRO HALIFAX**

## Fiddler's Olympic performance was top secret

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### 2010 Games

**CEREMONY** Ashley MacIsaac's kilt-clad, foot-stomping performance during the opening ceremonies of the Olympic Games was so top secret that even his mother didn't know about it.

Carmelita MacIsaac, who lives in Port Hawkesbury, said her son couldn't tell anyone about his historic gig seen by billions of people worldwide last Friday.

As someone who regularly watches Olympic opening ceremonies, MacIsaac said her son knew she'd be glued to the television set and offered no hint of his involvement.

"I had a funny feeling because he was going out there a couple times," she said of her son's recent



Ashley MacIsaac

trips to Vancouver.

"What I know now is it was for dress rehearsal."

The 34-year-old Cape Breton fiddler delivered a high-energy performance during the lavish show, which included Canadian aboriginal dancers, acrobats and performances by pop superstar Nelly Furtado and singer k.d. lang.

"His father and I were pretty excited. We must of got 300 phone calls, people were so proud of him representing Cape Breton," she said. **CAPE BRETON POST**



Actors Lee J. Campbell, left, and Rhys Bevan-John rehearse a scene from *Mesa* at the Neptune Studio Theatre yesterday. *Mesa*, a story of two men on a road trip from Calgary to Arizona, opens Friday and runs until March 6.

## Mesa billed as quirky road-trip adventure

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### Details

- *Mesa* opens Friday and runs through March 6 at Neptune Studio Theatre. For tickets and show times, visit [neptunetheatre.com](http://neptunetheatre.com).

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"I feel people will recognize the characters and what they're going through," said Charlie Rhindress, director for Neptune Studio Theatre's new production *Mesa*, which opens Friday and is being described as a quirky road trip adventure. "Anyone who has been on a road trip of any length will understand."

The story was penned by Canadian playwright Doug

Curtis and centres on Bud, played by Lee J. Campbell, going on a road trip with his grandson-in-law Paul, played by Rhys Bevan-John. The Nova Scotian actors are driving from Calgary to Bud's retirement trailer in *Mesa*, Arizona and the trip takes place over five days.

The two-actor play is comedic in nature but also tries to be heartfelt, showing that while they are from different generations, these two men develop a need for each other as they share their experiences.

"Eventually, they come to understand each other," Rhindress explained.

"They're really not that far apart."

Rhindress, who is originally from Amherst, said the biggest challenge in putting together this play was the scenes involving the talking in the car, which take place as each actor sits on a folding lawn chair.

Rhindress said this talking is a big part of the play, and the intensity of that conversation is what he believes will keep the audience interested and entertained.

"It's most about building emotion," he said. "There is a lot of stuff going on emotionally."

With a cast made up of all Nova Scotians, along with most of the production team, Rhindress said there has been great chemistry in getting this play ready. He said he's looking forward to that continuing during the play's three-week run.

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### News in brief

**BLAZE** A trailer was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning in Salmon River. One man was asleep in the home at the time of the fire. "When he awoke the living room area was in flames," Salmon River fire chief Carl Shaw said. "He got out and has been transported to hospital for observation." Firefighters from Salmon River and Valley-Kemptown worked hard to keep the fire from spreading to nearby homes. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

**POLITICS** The province is changing it's the title of "assistant deputy minister" to "associate deputy minister" and announced four new appointments and three shuffles. Those already serving as deputy ministers but are now changing posts are Scott Logan to Intergovernmental Affairs, Greg Roach to Fisheries and Aquaculture and Liz Cody to associate deputy minister of Treasury Board. The four new appointed ministers are Frances Martin, Dave

Ryan, Jeff Conrad and Holly Fancy.

**HST** The president of the Amherst and Area Chamber of Commerce is urging the province to tread carefully before it considers increasing the HST by two per cent. While the province has yet to raise the HST, Finance Minister Graham Steele has been giving strong hints that could happen when he brings down his government's budget in the spring.

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**Guilty man not entrapped: Ruling**

A judge has ruled that a man found guilty of terror offences as part of the so-called Toronto 18 was not entrapped. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Canada



Fog shrouds the venue and heavy rain falls as spectators arrive for the women's snowboard cross competition at the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Winter Games at Cypress Mountain in West Vancouver, B.C., yesterday. The start of qualifying has been delayed by fog.

## Worst Games ever?

Officials play down British media claims

### VANCOUVER 2010 Games

**Olympic officials are dismissing suggestions from British media that the Vancouver Olympics are among the worst Games in history.**

Earlier this week Britain's Guardian newspaper carried a story on its website with the headline: "Vancouver Games continue downhill slide from disaster to calamity."

The Games opened on the same day that a Georgian luger was killed in a training accident while weather issues have forced delays and cancellations in Whistler and Cypress. Even ice resurfacers have

### Cancellations

• Another day, another cancellation on Cypress Mountain. More Olympic standing room tickets for have been cancelled as rain continues to turn the troubled venue into a muddy mess. Olympic officials say refunds will be given to those holding standing room tickets for men's and ladies snowboard halfpipe for today and Thursday, for the ski cross on Feb. 21 and 23 and for the snowboard parallel giant slalom on Feb. 26 and 27.

broken down at the Richmond speedskating oval.

Game officials were also forced to close the general admission section of the

snowboarding venue because wet weather rendered the area unsafe. There have also been transportation issues.

But International Olympic Committee spokesman Mark Adams says he believes the Games have been very well organized, and a VANOC spokesman says they are dealing with cards they've been dealt.

Canadian Olympic Committee president Michael Chambers agrees that these are still great Games despite the problems.

Chambers says Vancouver residents and Canadians in general have embraced the Olympics and media critics are not experiencing the same Games as he is. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### News in brief

**POLL** A new poll suggests Conservatives and Liberals are locked in a tug-of-war for voter support. The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey gives the Tories a slight edge at 32 per cent to the Liberals' 30 per cent. The NDP was at 16 per cent. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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## Flaherty reins in mortgaging rules

**DEBT** Finance Minister Jim Flaherty is tightening mortgage rules to crack down on speculators and discourage homeowners from taking on too much debt.

The minister said he is responding to growing concerns that Canada's housing market is overheating, although he stresses there is no bubble in Canada's real-estate market — yet.

"There's no compelling

evidence of a housing bubble, but we're taking proactive, prudent, measured and cautious steps today to help prevent a housing bubble," Flaherty said yesterday.

The finance minister says all borrowers will need to meet stiffer criteria to take out mortgages. The government will also limit the amount Canadians can borrow on their homes.

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## Comment

# Priceless hug washes away early woes

### TheWestView

**Paul Sullivan**

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What do you think of us so far? Are these Vancouver Olympics worth the \$6-billion investment? Or is gold fever a fatal illness from which we will never recover?

Many think the Games were cursed before they even started, with the death of the young Olympian from Georgia.

The weather hasn't helped. This could be the warmest winter on record in a place where winter happens to people on the other side of the mountains.

Meanwhile, the world is watching. The British media seem particularly interested, maybe because they're next (ha ha!) — the BBC has sent more journalists than Olympians to Vancouver — and the whole gang appears to be suffering from an epi-

demio of rain-induced wedgies in its winter woolies.

The Guardian's golf correspondent, Lawrence Donegan, no doubt annoyed he was sent to Vancouver instead of California to cover the PGA Tour, should be awarded a gold medal for grumpiness. His latest piece is headlined: "Vancouver Games continue downhill slide from disaster to calamity."

What if we paid \$6 billion for the Olympics and all we got was a rude message from Lawrence Donegan?

Still, as the Games melt in the balmy temperatures,

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there's an upside to the weather. It's warmer than New Orleans during Mardi Gras! The world's media are knocking themselves out taking pictures of cherry blossoms and daffodils! Vancouver, your real-estate values are safe!

Maybe the new Canadian "Own the Podium" tude is freaking out the peanut gallery. NBC keeps talking about it ... with grudging admiration. It's the sort of thing Americans like to do

— and if you crash, so what? At least you tried. The U.K. (which despite its many scribes has no medals), seems affronted by this unseemly display of colonial uppityness.

But fear not. The Games have been saved by a sweet young kid named Alex Bilodeau. Alex won Canada's first gold medal in the mogul cross, which is skiing on speed bumps while hurtling down the side of a cliff. Looks like fun.

Alex is a francophone from Rosemère, Que., which has stopped the Other Solitude from bitching

about the lack of a French presence at these Games. Most important, he's the nicest kid in the world, which makes that "Own the Podium" hubris seem like the hunting behaviour of a kitten: Ferocious but harmless.

You could argue that the picture of Alex giving brother Frederic, who has cerebral palsy, a victory hug, is not worth \$6 billion. And you'd be right. It's not. It's priceless.

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## Word on the street: What is your favourite Winter Olympic sport to watch?

**Tawanda Gara**  
Halifax

A: I don't have a favourite one per se, but I'm into ones that are like extreme sports.

**Donna Safatli**  
Timberlea

A: Figure skating. I just like the movements. I usually watch pairs.

**Dave Rodgers**  
Halifax

A: Hockey. It's the only sport where I can name more than one athlete.

**Angela Lees**  
Ottawa

A: I like the moguls, because of the tricks they do off the ramp. And I like them more since we won gold.

**Dimitri Jager**  
Switzerland

A: Because I play hockey, I'll have to go with that. But I don't like the fighting here. In Switzerland, we don't fight at all.

**Holly Singer**  
Calgary

A: Downhill skiing, because of the difficulty.



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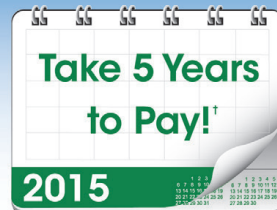
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**Iraq remains most at risk for terrorism: Report**

Iraq is the country most at risk from terrorist attacks for the second straight year, according to a ranking by global analysts Maplecroft, while Thailand has joined the nine countries most in danger for the first time. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# World



## Clinton: Iran nuke would trigger arms race

If Iran gets a nuclear weapon it could trigger a nuclear arms race in the Middle East, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said yesterday. Clinton, speaking at a women's college in Saudi Arabia said that Iran's secret construction of a uranium enrichment facility was an example of how Iran had violated its obligations to not pursue nuclear weapons.

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### U.S. units link up in Marjah battle

**AFGHANISTAN** U.S. Marines moving by land from the north linked up yesterday with American units that have faced nearly constant Taliban attack in the four days since they were dropped by helicopter into an insurgent stronghold in southern Afghanistan. U.S. artillery also fired non-lethal smoke rounds to disperse Taliban fighters in Marjah — the first time cannons have been used in the fight to drive the militants from their logistical and opium poppy-smuggling base.

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Cold didn't stop thousands from packing the streets with booze and beads as New Orleans marked Mardi Gras. Scan this code for the story.

## White House scores win with Taliban capture

**Former U.S. vice-president Dick Cheney has been unrelenting in his criticism of the Obama administration's attempts to fight terror, accusing the White House once again recently of weaknesses that are leaving America vulnerable to another large-scale terrorist attack.**

And yet news emerging yesterday undoubtedly left Cheney and his congressional Republican supporters red-faced. Just two days after Cheney levelled his most recent assault, it was reported that the Taliban's top military commander was captured more than a week ago in a secret joint operation by Pakistani and U.S. intelligence forces.

Afghanistan's Mullah Ab-

### Bin Laden close?

• Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar's capture has led some to speculate whether Osama bin Laden himself could be within reach more than eight years after the 9-11 mastermind famously escaped U.S. forces in the Afghan mountains at Tora Bora in December 2001.

dul Ghani Baradar is considered the most significant Taliban figure to be detained since the war in Afghanistan began in 2001. He is ranked second in importance only to Mullah Muhammad Omar, who founded the Taliban and was a close associate of Osama bin Laden's before 9-11. From a political perspec-

tive, the timing of Baradar's capture couldn't have been sweeter for the White House, which has long been vexed by Cheney's barbs.

On Sunday, the former vice-president criticized the administration's policy of seeking out and killing key terrorists, saying such an approach means no intelligence can be extracted from them. Vice-President Joe Biden was dispatched by the White House to dispute Cheney during his own appearances on the Sunday morning talk-show circuit. Biden called his predecessor "factually, substantively wrong" in his criticisms.

"Dick Cheney's a fine fellow, but he is not entitled to rewrite history without it being challenged," Biden said.

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### Britain Pancake Tuesday



Child runners race their pancakes through the town of Olney, England, during a pancake race yesterday. Olney's famous race is run every Shrove Tuesday, dating back to 1445.

### News in brief

**BRITAIN** A veteran British TV reporter claimed on the air yesterday that he had used a pillow years ago to smother a lover who was dying of AIDS, adding a startling contribution to the country's debate on mercy killing. Nottinghamshire Police said it would investigate

Ray Gosling's claim. Gosling, 70, told the BBC he smothered the man in his hospital bed to spare him pain. "He'd been my lover and he got AIDS," Gosling said. "He was in terrible pain ... I picked up the pillow and smothered him until he was dead."

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## Profits drop at L'Oreal

L'Oréal shares fell yesterday after the cosmetics company reported an eight per cent drop in profit last year due to weaker demand amid the economic downturn. The Paris-based company said full-year profit was \$2.46 billion US, down from \$268 billion the year before. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# Toyota problems continue

## U.S. government demands key documents on recalls

**The U.S. Transportation Department demanded documents related to Toyota's massive recalls in the United States yesterday to find out if the automaker acted swiftly enough.**

Toyota, meanwhile, said it will idle production temporarily at Texas and Kentucky plants over concerns the recalls could lead to big stockpiles of unsold ve-

# hicles.

The legal documents demand that Toyota tell the government when and how the company learned of the safety defects in millions of vehicles over the entrapment of gas pedals by floor mats and sticky accelerators. The demand was delivered to Toyota yesterday and the company must respond within

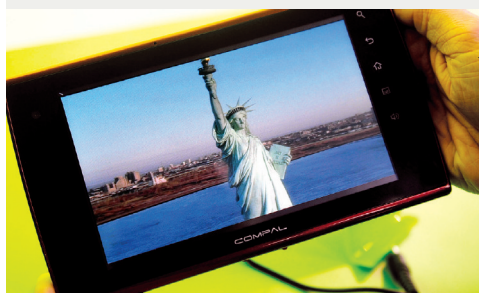
30-to-60 days or face fines.

The intensifying government investigation of Toyota and production halts at its assembly plants represented another sign of the ripple effect the recall of 8.5 million vehicles has had on the world's number one automaker. Toyota faces separate probes by the Obama administration and Congress as it strug-

gles to maintain its loyal customer base and its reputation for safety and quality.

Toyota said it was halting production temporarily in San Antonio, Texas, and Georgetown, Ky., to address concerns that too many unsold vehicles may be building up at dealerships because of the large recalls. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Tablet **More iPad competition**



The new N98 tablet computer by Nvidia was on show at the Mobile World congress in Barcelona, Spain, yesterday.

## Transport drives manufacturing sales up

**ECONOMY** Manufacturing sales rose 1.6 per cent in December to \$43 billion, largely on the strength of sales in transportation equipment.

Statistics Canada reports it was the sixth increase in

overall manufacturing sales in seven months and the highest level since December 2008.

The agency says aerospace products and parts, motor vehicles and petroleum and coal products al-

so recorded significant gains.

Constant-dollar manufacturing sales increased 2.1 per cent in December as sales advanced in 11 of the 21 manufacturing industries. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Timminco plans Iceland plant

**EXPANSION** Timminco Ltd. is looking to boost its silicon metal capacity with a new plant in Iceland operating on geo-thermal power, the Toronto-based company announced yesterday.

The new plant would have an annual production capacity of 50,000 tonnes of silicon metal, which would complement existing capacity at the Timminco plant in Becancour, Que.

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**Huskies 10th in CIS ranking**

The Saint Mary's Huskies are 10th in the latest Canadian Interuniversity Sport men's hockey ranking. The Huskies, who had a 16-8-4 record this season, open the playoffs tonight at 7 p.m. at the Forum against the Moncton Aces Blues. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Sports

## Brown pots 15 in Acadia win

Halifax's Alise Brown drained a team-high 15 points as the Acadia Axewomen downed the Dalhousie Tigers 68-66 in Atlantic University Sport basketball play last night in Wolfville. The Axewomen are 5-12, while the Tigers are 9-9.

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**Anthony can't shake struggles**

**QMJHL** Steven Anthony can't buy a point lately. The Halifax native, an 18-year-old forward with the nationally-top-ranked Saint John Sea Dogs, is mired in a scoring slump, without a point in eight games and just eight points in his past 22 contests. He had 31 points in his first 30 games.

Anthony, drafted in the seventh round (187th overall) by the Vancouver Canucks in the summer, is sixth in scoring for the Sea Dogs, who lead the QMJHL in goals.



Steven Anthony

"He's been working very hard for us the past couple of weeks and his game is coming back," said Sea Dogs head coach Gerard Gallant. "He's a good player for us who works hard, skates hard ... The numbers just haven't been there for him and he wants to get back on track. We're hoping he does, too."

**MATTHEW WUEST/  
METRO HALIFAX**

# Sea Dogs not looking past Herd

Halifax may sit in last place, but Saint John aware of trouble they can bring

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**The Saint John Sea Dogs have had little trouble steamrolling just about every team in the QMJHL this season. But the last-place Halifax Mooseheads have proved to be a formidable foe for the Canadian Hockey League's No. 1 squad.**

The Sea Dogs, who have lost just five times during a sensational 43-game run that dates back to mid-October, lost once to the Herd in that stretch and barely squeaked past them in two other contests that came down to the last minute.

They're back for more tonight at 7 p.m. at the Metro Centre.

"If our guys go in there thinking it's an easy game, they have another thing coming," said Sea Dogs head coach Gerard Gallant. "I think they know better than that. Halifax has given us a lot of trouble. You've got to be ready to play."

The Mooseheads, 13-39-5



With Peter Delmas injured, Mooseheads goalie Mathieu Corbeil will continue to get starts.

with 31 points, are 12 points out of a playoff spot with just 11 games to go.

They appear destined for the worst finish in franchise history as they approach all-time lows of 17 wins and 44 points set

back in 2003-04. But the Sea Dogs have been impressed, especially lately.

"They're a team that puts pressure on you — they're moving their feet, they're skating," Gallant

said. "They have a lot of young kids who are working hard and having fun. Their goaltending is very good and they play a good, solid game."

**INJURY UPDATE**

With Peter Delmas nurs-

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Cardinals players anticipate the debut of baseball's most controversial hitting coach, Mark McGwire. Scan this code for the story.

ing a hip injury, Mathieu Corbeil is expected to continue to start in goal for the Mooseheads. Forwards Jessyko Bernard (abdominal strain) and Carl Gelinis (knee sprain) are expected to be out for the week.

Defenceman Pascal Amyot (shoulder/chest) is day-to-day and should play. No call-ups are expected.

**AMYOT HONOURED**

Amyot was named the Mooseheads' nominee for the Marcel Robert trophy as the QMJHL's scholastic player of the year. Five finalists will be announced by week's end.

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d-Drummondville	39	15	2	80	
d-Quebec	36	16	7	79	
d-Rouyn-Noranda	34	20	5	73	
Moncton	38	13	5	81	
Victoriaville	39	17	2	80	
Cape Breton	32	20	5	69	
P.E.I.	30	20	7	67	
Rimouski	29	22	6	63	
Shawinigan	28	23	7	64	
Gatineau	25	25	5	55	
Montreal	25	25	5	55	
Chicoutimi	22	25	8	52	
Val-d'Or	21	30	6	48	
Acadie-Bathurst	20	33	6	46	
Lewiston	20	34	3	43	
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# League rules presenting roadblock for Rainmen's Norris

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**BASKETBALL** Anyone hoping to see local boy Devon Norris get floor time with the Halifax Rainmen will have to wait.

The six-foot-three guard from Tantallon has been stuck on the practice roster with Lonnell Shuler-Jones all season, with neither seeing a minute of floor time in a game.

With this week's depart-

ure of guard Adris DeLeon, it theoretically opens up a spot for Norris to be promoted to the active roster.

But that won't happen according to owner Andre Levinston, who says the Premier Basketball League's rules make it hard to slip Norris onto the floor for even one game.

Teams are allowed 10 transactions, and the Rain-

men will have used five after DeLeon's official release.

"There's a transaction limit and we have to save those transactions," Levinston said.

Norris, who spent four years with the Dalhousie Tigers, warms up for home games and sits on the bench, even though the rules don't permit him to see the floor.

Fans often chant his

name when the Rainmen have big late-game leads.

Levinston also said he is in no rush to replace DeLeon, who left Monday to join his national team in the Dominican Republic.

He said he doesn't plan to sign anyone before Saturday's home game against the Maryland Greenhawks.

"We're patient," Levinston said. "We're not just going to bring in anybody. We're bringing in someone who can make a

difference and we're going to take our time to find him."

The 25-year-old DeLeon was one of Halifax's best bench players, often coming in for starter Gary Ervin.

He was averaging 9.2 points and 13 minutes per game.

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The Portland Trail Blazers are picking up needed help on the interior, acquiring Marcus Camby from the Los Angeles Clippers in exchange for guard Steve Blake and forward Travis Outlaw. The deal also includes cash going to the Clippers. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Sports in brief

**NBA** Denver Nuggets coach George Karl says he has been diagnosed with neck and throat cancer but was told it is treatable.

**NFL** Sebastian Janikowski and the Oakland Raiders agreed on a \$16-million US, four-year deal yesterday that is the richest contract for a kicker in NFL history. Janikowski will be guaranteed \$9 million in the deal, a person familiar with the contract said on condition of anonymity because the team has not announced the signing. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Rooney scores two to lead Man U past Milan

**SOCCER** Two headers from Wayne Rooney led Manchester United to a 3-2 victory at AC Milan, while Lyon beat Real Madrid 1-0 in the Champions League yesterday.

United rallied to win at the San Siro and spoil David Beckham's first-ever appearance against his old club after the former England captain — on loan to Milan from MLS' Los Angeles Galaxy — had provided the free kick that led to Mi-

lan's early goal in the first leg match.

United defender Patrice Evra half cleared Beckham's free kick and the ball came to Ronaldinho who scored with a deflected shot.

Paul Scholes tied it with a 36th-minute mis-kick from Darren

Fletcher's cross. The midfielder missed the ball with his right foot but it struck his left leg and took a bounce that surprised goalkeeper Dida.

Veteran United goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar had to make top quality saves on Andrea Pirlo's long free kick and Ronaldinho's curling drive before Rooney struck twice.

He headed

home a cross by Antonio Valencia in the 66th minute and was left unmarked to powerfully head home Darren Fletcher's cross from the left in the 74th.

Facing United for the first time since moving to Real Madrid in 2003, Beckham was replaced by Clarence Seedorf after 71 minutes and left the field with United fans singing "there's only one David Beckham."



David Beckham

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## NBA

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**Time error costs biathlete**

There was a crucial timing error yesterday for Swedish biathlete Anna Carin Olofsson-Zidek as timekeepers held her back 14 seconds longer than they should have at the start of the race. Olofsson-Zidek finished sixth. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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# Vancouver Games

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## U.S. downs Switzerland

**HOCKEY** The youthful U.S. men's hockey team opened the Olympic tournament yesterday with a 3-1 win over Switzerland.

Bobby Ryan scored late in the first period, and David Backes and Ryan Malone added goals in the second to help the United States avoid a repeat of an opening-game meltdown.

During the 2006 Turin Games, the Americans began with a 3-3 tie against Latvia and never challenged for a medal.

"Once I scored, I was able to settle down and come back into my own a little bit," Ryan said.

"You definitely don't want to come from behind early. To get the lead, I think it settled the game down quite a bit for us."

Ryan Miller, the Buffalo Sabres goalie considered the key to the U.S. chances to reach the medals podium, made 14 saves.

The Americans have their youngest collection of players since the NHL began supplying talent for the Winter Olympics in 1998. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

VANCOUVER GAMES				
MedalCount				
NATION	G	S	B	TOTAL
Switzerland	3	0	1	4
Germany	2	3	1	6
U.S.	2	2	4	8
Canada	2	2	1	5
France	2	1	4	7
South Korea	2	1	0	3
Sweden	2	0	0	2

# Domination nation

## Canada cruises to 8-0 over Norway win in opener

**Team Canada delivered a crowd-pleasing performance after stepping on to the biggest stage in international hockey.**

Hometown hero Roberto Luongo stopped all 15 shots he faced and Canada showed off a variety of offensive weapons yesterday, kicking off the long-awaited Olympic tournament with an 8-0 victory over Norway at Canada Hockey Place, better known as GM Place when the Olympics are not in town.

Jarome Iginla had a hat trick, Dany Heatley scored twice while Mike Richards, Ryan Getzlaf and Corey Perry each added singles for a young Canadian team that looked fairly composed after skating into the spotlight for the first time.

Iginla may have to wait for official recognition of his third goal, which was initially credited to Rick Nash. But the Calgary Flames captain confirmed after the game that it was his tip-in that beat the goalie. Games officials may review the play.

The anticipation had been building for Canadian hockey fans since the country crashed out of the Turin Olympics four years ago with a disastrous seventh-place finish, the worst-ever in history. It was worth the wait.

"We've been looking forward to this for a long time and it's finally here," said

**15** The Canadian team only had one practice together as a group and featured 15 players skating in their first ever Olympic game.

Iginla. "The crowd was awesome. It was actually more red and white than I thought it would be."

Even though the roof didn't come off Canada Hockey Place, as Norwegian captain Tommy Jakobsen predicted it might, the crowd of 16,652 roared throughout the game and alternated between chants of "Go Canada Go!" and "Let's Go Canada!"

The majority of fans showed up in Team Canada jerseys, painting the inside of the arena a patriotic red and white.

"There was much more electricity (than normal). This is big for Canada," said Luongo.

It was a marvellous platform for Canadian hockey — even though the Norwegians didn't play the part of willing victim early on. The underdogs showed plenty of pluck in the first period, clogging the neutral zone and collapsing around goalie Pal Grotnes to keep Canada from scoring.

"It was a great atmosphere," said Sidney Crosby. "It's a lot of fun to be here in Canada and I thought we used it to our advantage."

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Canada's Chris Pronger celebrates last night after teammate Dany Heatley scored a goal in the second period against Norway during the Olympic men's hockey preliminary game.

What to watch today

## TV Highlights

**1 p.m.: Women's curling**  
Japan vs. Canada (Sportsnet).

**3 p.m.: Alpine skiing**  
Women's downhill gold medal (CTV).

**4:30 p.m.: Cross-country skiing**  
Men's and women's individual sprint classic gold medals (Sportsnet).

**6:30 p.m.: Women's hockey**  
Canada vs. Sweden (TSN).

**8 p.m.: Long-track speedskating**  
Men's 1,000m gold medal (CTV).

**9 p.m.: Men's hockey**  
Sweden vs. Germany (TSN).

**9 p.m.: Short-track speedskating**  
Including women's 500m gold medal (Sportsnet).

**10:15 p.m.: Luge**  
Doubles gold medal (OLN).

**11:15 p.m.: Women's hockey**  
Slovakia vs. Switzerland (Sportsnet).

**11:15 p.m.: Snowboarding**  
Men's halfpipe gold medal (CTV).

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## Vancouver Games

Whistler **Doubling up**

Tristan Walker, top, and Justin Smith of Canada practise during a run of the men's doubles luge training in Whistler yesterday.

## News in brief

**FIGURE SKATING** Amid the grace and glamour and glitzy outfits of figure skating, the pure lung-busting, quad-burning athleticism of the sport often gets overlooked. Christy Krall, the American coach who has been guiding

Canada's Patrick Chan for the better part of a year in the young skater's quest for Olympic glory, can recite the biomechanics of skating like the alphabet. "In the short program, Patrick's heart rate will reach what an Olympic 800-

metre runner reaches, and the long program is like running a mile," Krall said. "These guys are very fit." Chan, who skated in the short program last night at the Pacific Coliseum, won't do a quad in Vancouver.

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## Ricker's gold

**KRISTEN THOMPSON**  
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**The sun finally came out at Cypress Mountain yesterday — in more ways than one — when Whistler B.C.'s Maëlle Ricker nabbed a gold medal in women's snowboard cross, charging across the finish line under a bright blue sky.**

It was a vastly different outcome from four years ago, when she barely missed the bronze medal in the 2006 Games.

"Coming home from Torino, I was already thinking about what I was going to do to perform today," a beaming Ricker said after her race. "(That) was a huge motivating factor to work that much (harder)."

Ricker had a shaky start in the first qualifying race when she fell on the slushy run and came in 15th of 24 competitors, many of whom struggled to get down the hill in the thick fog.

But she plowed through her second qualifying run and from there seemed unstoppable, getting so far ahead of her competitors in the first heat of the finals that they weren't even in sight when she crossed the finish line.

"That first run was a disaster, but I went back up (and) refocused," said Ricker.

By the last heat, the fog had lifted and Ricker flew across the finish line under blue skies and to the welcome of a roaring crowd.

She stopped for a moment to catch her breath, then threw her arms in the air to wind up the spectators, most of whom waved flags, toques and hands before breaking into an impromptu dance party.

Like Alexandre Bilodeau and Jenn Heil — both of whom have already taken home gold and silver respectively — Ricker said her medal was Canada's medal.

"I'm so thankful I was able to pull it off for every-



Maëlle Ricker holds up her flowers on the winner's podium after capturing the gold in the women's snowboard cross final at the Vancouver 2010 Winter Games in Vancouver yesterday.

one," she said.

Canada's other hopeful — 2006 bronze medalist Dominique Maltais and a medal contender in these Games — failed to make it into the top 16. France's Deborah Anthonioz took silver and Switzerland's Olivia Nobs wound up with the bronze.

## World media focuses on McKeever

**WHISTLER** The eyes of the world turned to Brian McKeever yesterday when the visually impaired cross-country skier from Calgary arrived at the Olympic Games.

Eurosport, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Reuters and the Japanese daily Sankei Shimbun were among the interna-

tional media that came to hear the story of a man who will make history as the first winter athlete to compete in both the Olympics and Paralympics.

McKeever, 30, will ski the 50-kilometre race on the final day of the 2010 Games at Whistler Olympic Park and possibly other events if a teammate becomes ill or

injured. In doing so, he will narrow the perceived gap between athletes with a disability, and those without.

McKeever was diagnosed with Stargardt's disease, an inherited macular degeneration, as a teenager. He has less than 10 per cent vision and what he does have is peripheral.

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**Alberta budget signals financial woes for provincial institutions**

Following the Alberta government's budget announcement last week, post-secondary schools in the province are forecasting layoffs and salary constraints, and suspending plans for campus growth. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Workology



## uLaval opens up in Mexico

Last Thursday, Université Laval launched an office at the Santa Fe campus of Mexico's Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education, which will also open an office in Quebec at uLaval. With a long history of collaboration in Latin America, uLaval hopes its new physical presence in Mexico will foster student exchanges and the development of joint academic programs. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Farming for the future?

## Working the Wok

For the month of February, Metro's Workology section will be focusing on some delicious food-related careers. Check back every Wednesday for a new feature.

JON TATTRE for Metro Canada



**Canadian farming is heading for a disaster as fewer and fewer farming children continue the family business.**

"In the next ten years, about 80 per cent of the agricultural assets in the country are going to be transferred," says Christie Young, director of Ontario's Farm Start. "We're going to have a massive crisis in the agricultural sector because we don't have the infrastructure set up to get people into farming."

Conversely, that means it's a great time to get into farming. Farm Start, a Guelph, Ont.,-based organization, helps people from non-farming backgrounds get into the industry. Some come with university degrees in agriculture and others are second-career farmers.

Farm Start begins with a four-day explorer course. "It's a time for people to think really critically about whether this is the right career for them and what it means to be a farmer," Young says.

People are drawn to the physical, meaningful work and are often passionate about raising livestock. They want to be their own boss and enjoy the diverse daily tasks.

"They have to be self-motivated," she says. "You can't just focus on one piece of the puzzle if you want to be a farmer. You have to think about your growing system as part of a bigger eco-system, your business model as part of a much bigger food system."



"Self-motivated" and "entrepreneurial" are good terms used to describe working in agriculture.

The best way to learn is to do, she says, so Farm Start helps organize farming internships and runs an incubator farm. Courses in business-planning, crop planning and soil-health management round out the training.

Norbert Kungl runs the organic vegetable farm Selwood Green on the shores of Nova Scotia's Minas Basin. He's from a farming area of central Germany, but his family did not farm. He studied agriculture before moving to Canada and working on a farm for four years. In 1987, he started his own farm.

"I'm an entrepreneurial person who needs to do his

own thing," he explains. He loves being his own boss on a large piece of land where he lives and works. He sells his produce at farmers' markets around Nova Scotia, including the Halifax Farmers' Market.

Like Young, he recommends non-farmers do an apprenticeship. "If you come from a farm, go out into the world and work on a variety of other farms or even other jobs to really know this is what you want to do," he says.

For more of the Working the Wok exclusive series check Workology every Wednesday or stop by: [metronews.ca/work](http://metronews.ca/work)

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## HRM's District Boundary Review

The Governance and District Boundary Committee of Council chaired by Mayor Peter Kelly is reviewing the polling districts and their boundaries in HRM prior to the 2012 Municipal Elections. **The Committee wants to hear from you.**

### Public Meetings

Residents of HRM are invited and encouraged to attend any of the following scheduled public meetings. You will learn about the District Boundary Review process and the importance and value of your contribution.

Phase 1 Public Meetings will begin with an overview presentation followed by public participation. Discussion points will include:

- The role of Councillor as your representative
- The decision-making powers and the size of both Regional and Community Councils
- How Council can best work for you as citizens of HRM

### When & Where

All meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Community Council meetings. You can attend any meeting.

Date	Community Council	Location
February 22, 2010	Western Region Community Council	Keshen Goodman Library 330 Lacewood Drive, Halifax
February 24, 2010	Marine Drive Valley & Canal Community Council	Sheet Harbour Lions Club 183 Pool Road, Sheet Harbour
February 25, 2010	North West Community Council	Sackville Heights Community Centre 45 Connolly Road, Sackville
March 1, 2010	Chebucto Community Council	Halifax West High School 283 Thomas Raddall Drive, Halifax
March 3, 2010	Peninsula Community Council	City Hall 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax
March 4, 2010	Harbour East Community Council	Halifax Regional School Board Building (back entrance) 90 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth
March 10, 2010	Marine Drive Valley & Canal Community Council	Lawrencetown Community Centre 3657 Hwy 207, Lawrencetown

### Unable to Attend a Meeting?

If you are unable to attend any of the scheduled meetings, you can still provide your feedback.

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In-car entertainment turned it up another wireless notch at the recent Chicago Auto Show when Volvo showed off "the industry's first Internet connected Rear Seat Entertainment System with Windows XP, WiFi and a 500G hard drive." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

**WiFi in Volvo**

# Metro Drive

## Pets' best friends

Pet safety advocate group Bark Buckle UP has named the winners of its 2010 Pet Safe Choice Awards, which recognize pet-friendly and pet-safe vehicles. Top vehicles include the Dodge Journey, Ford Flex, Kia Soul, Honda Element, Smart, Subaru Outback and Volvo XC60. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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## Sorento joins CUV crowd

New platform behind improved handling, quiet ride

**MICHAEL GOETZ**  
for Metro Canada



### Crossovers rule and SUVs drool.

That's not quite how the analysts describe the ongoing shift from truck-based SUVs to car-based crossovers, but close.

As such, we're used to seeing CUVs (crossover utility vehicles) torment their SUV classmates in the sales-chart playground. But now we're even seeing iconic SUV nameplates "crossing over."

The highest profile defector is the upcoming all-new Ford Explorer, which joins the CUV crowd after spending all its life up until now as a truck. But beating it to the punch is the 2011 Kia Sorento.

The nameplate was first introduced in 2002 as a straight-up SUV. Now that Kia is owned by Hyundai, and now that old-school SUVs are, well, old school, the Sorento has migrated over to the platform that also underpins the Hyundai Santa Fe crossover and the Sonata sedan.

The 2011 Kia Sorento is built on the same platform as the Hyundai Santa Fe and Sonata.



So if you're familiar with the 2010 Santa Fe, you'll be relatively up to speed on the 2011 Sorento.

Judging by our first fling with the Sorento on the highways and by-ways around West Point, Ga., where the Sorento is being built at Kia's first U.S. plant, it's a tough call on which Sorento you should get — both the entry-level four-cylinder vehicle and the higher-rent six-cylinder vehicles have something to say.

The base model (LX) with

175-hp 2.4 litre I4, manual transmission and FWD is just \$23,995. At that price it competes with the "smaller half" of the compact segment, but it offers up the interior volume (4,035 L) of the "larger half."

Note also that all Canadian models come standard with these all-weather tools: heated seats, A/C, wind-shield wiper de-icer, and power heated outside mirrors. All trim lines also feature six air bags, ABS, ESC, Electronic Brake Distribu-

tion, Hill Start Assist Control, and Downhill Brake Control.

The V6 is exclusively mated to automatics, starting at \$29,095. The EX range begins with the FWD V6 at \$31,795, and tops out with the seven-seat AWD Luxury trim model at \$39,195.

Drivers will be pleasantly surprised at the fine handling and quiet ride of all Sorento models — and the main reason why Sorento is way better off on this lighter "car platform," with fully independent suspen-



Inside, the 2011 Kia Sorento may not have a "wow" factor but there are plenty of functional options.

### 2011 Kia Sorento

**Type:** Compact crossover  
**Price:** \$23,995-\$39,195  
**Engine:** I4, DOHC 2.4L/V6, DOHC 3.5L  
**HP:** 175@6,000/276@6,300

### Highlights

- Built in the U.S.
- Over 15 models, including seven-seater
- Impressive V6 powertrain

sion. The least expensive seven-seat model is the FWD V6 LX at \$30,295.

## Buick Regal to be built in Canada

**PRODUCTION** Canada may not have any major mainstream auto companies of its own, but we certainly know a thing or two about building vehicles.

Five automakers based outside of Canada — Chrysler, Ford, General Motors, Honda and Toyota — have plants in Canada, and GM announced at 2010 Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto that its facility in Oshawa, Ont. will produce the upcoming Buick Regal for the U.S. and Canada.

"Regal will bring a midsize sport sedan to the Oshawa car plant in the fourth quarter of this year," says Tony LaRocca, communications manager for GM Canada.

The Regal is a version of the Opel Insignia, which was named the 2009 European Car of the Year.

It will initially come in premium CXL trim, starting at \$32,990 for a 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine, and \$35,990 for a turbocharged 2.0-litre version producing an estimated 220 horsepower — the performance of a V6, GM says.

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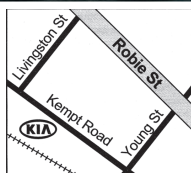
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According to a recent TD retirement savings poll, 52 per cent of working Canadians under 65 are scared they haven't saved enough money for a comfortable retirement. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# RRSP Guide



## Don't forget

The deadline for making contributions to your Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) for the 2009 tax year is March 1, 2010. That means you only have 12 days left!

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## Save with spousal RRSPs

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for Metro Canada



**Spousal RRSPs can be a powerful tool for couples to generate more money during retirement while paying lower income tax.**

While it may sound complicated, a spousal RRSP is simply an RRSP for which you use some or all of your RRSP contribution room to benefit your spouse.

David Ablett, director of tax and retirement planning at Investors Group, says ultimately the spousal RRSP is a great tool for couples.

### Next week's lineup

**LAST-MINUTE TIPS** For advice on investing before the deadline and planning ahead for next year, pick up Metro's next RRSP Guide on Feb. 24.

ples to save on taxes and garner the benefits of income-splitting if one of them earns a significantly higher income than the other.

"It's a way to equalize the retirement income for the couple and generate more retirement income in the hands of the lower-income spouse," Ablett said.

The way it works is simple: The lower-income earner opens an RRSP in his or her own name, but with their spouse as contributor. That spouse can then contribute to that spousal RRSP up to a limit based on their own, much higher income, rather than the first spouse's lower income. That means more money put away for the lower-income spouse and tax savings for the higher-income spouse, a

doubly beneficial arrangement.

If the higher-income earner's marginal tax rate was 40 per cent, for instance, he or she could initially save \$4,000 by contributing \$10,000 into a spousal RRSP. Plus, if the eventual payout is put at an even lower marginal tax rate, the couple could benefit from an even higher tax deduction and thus save even more money.

Bottom line: A spousal RRSP can reduce a couple's tax bill by shifting money to the lower-income spouse for a lower tax rate, while potentially helping to maintain Old Age Security benefits by keeping each partner's retirement income low enough to avoid clawbacks.

The total RRSP contribution space of the higher-income earner still applies to

**"It's a way to equalize the retirement income for the couple."** David Ablett

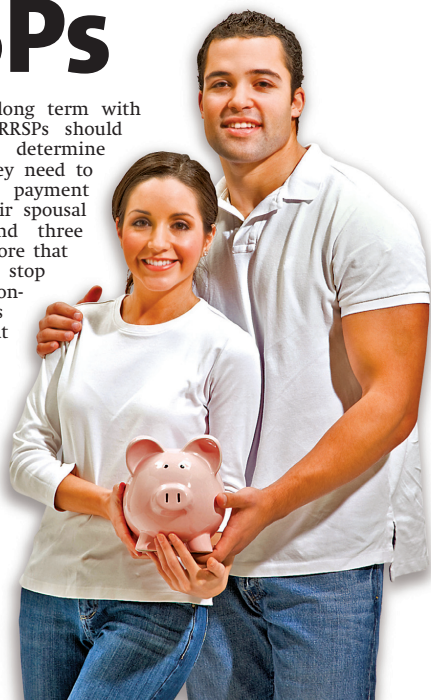
all contributions he or she makes into either their own or their partner's spousal RRSP. Even though you can't go over your natural contribution totals, the result is still a more efficient use of money.

However, there is a government-imposed restriction to be aware of, Ablett says. Any money the lower-income holder of the RRSP withdraws from the spousal RRSP within the first three years stays taxable in the hands of the contributor — meaning the couple gains no benefit from the spousal RRSP arrangement.

"People who are saving

for the long term with spousal RRSPs should try to determine when they need to take a payment from their spousal RRSP, and three years before that time, stop making contributions into that spousal RRSP," Ablett said.

**Spousal RRSPs allow you to use some or all of your contribution room to benefit your spouse.**



### Tips for the RRSP season

**1 Review your financial plan.** Your financial plan should be reviewed at least once a year to make sure you're still on track to meet your investment and lifestyle objectives. Meeting with an adviser will help ensure you're in the best position to meet your goals.

**2 Borrow to invest.** If you've accumulated RRSP contribution room over the years (this is unused RRSP contribution room carried forward from previous years), and you'd like to catch up on these unused contributions, consider borrowing money through a low-rate line of

credit — investors can check their Notice of Assessment from the Canada Revenue Agency every year to see how much contribution room they have available.

**3 Contribute to a spousal RRSP.** A spousal RRSP is an account into which one spouse makes contributions to the other spouse's RRSP who is in a lower tax bracket than the owner of the account. Typically, the higher-income spouse will contribute to a spousal RRSP and receive a tax deduction at a high marginal tax rate. Then, in retirement or earlier, when the other spouse withdraws that

money, it will generally be taxed at a lower tax rate. When used correctly, spousal RRSPs can be an effective tool in planning for a couple's retirement.

**4 Invest on a regular basis.** Get off to a good start for 2010 by having your money automatically transferred from your bank account to an RRSP or savings fund on a regular basis. It's the easiest, most convenient and disciplined way to reach your goals. By doing this, investors can benefit from dollar cost averaging by purchasing equities or mutual funds throughout the year. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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According to a recent TD retirement savings poll, 20 per cent of Canadians are counting on using CPP, a lottery win or an inheritance for their retirement instead of contributing to an RRSP. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Getting more bang for your buck

**Using an RRSP to save for your retirement is a great idea, but using a spousal or group plan may give you even more bang for your buck.**

The trick is knowing the rules for these types of Registered Retirement Savings Plans, and the pros and cons of each.

"Registered Retirement Savings Plans are one of the best retirement savings opportunities that exist for Canadians," said David Irwin of Investors Group Financial Services. "The choice of what type of RRSP to use usually comes down to an individual's circumstances, their knowledge and comfort level, and their focus on big-picture planning."

By using an RRSP, investors can put off paying income tax on the interest, dividends, and capital gains they earn on their investments. Instead, you'll pay tax on the income you withdraw upon retirement, when presumably, you will be in a lower income tax bracket, and therefore, pay less tax.

How much you can contribute is tied to how much you earn, typically up to about 18 per cent of your earned income minus any pension adjustment. The maximum allowable contribution for 2009 is \$21,000.

A spousal RRSP may be a good option if one spouse will be earning substantially more than the other during their golden years.

Here's a simple example: John and Judy are married. John stays at home while Judy works at a high-paying job. Since John isn't working, he's not generating income or RRSP contribution room; he doesn't have much of his own savings; and he's not paying into the Canada Pension Plan, while Judy is doing all of the above. She has \$20,000 of RRSP contribution room and plans to put aside that much this year.

She has some choices to make: \$20,000 in her own RRSP, to a spousal RRSP for Jack, or a combination of the two, as long as her contribution doesn't exceed that amount.

If Judy puts \$10,000 into her own plan and \$10,000 into a spousal plan for Jack, she can take a full

\$20,000 deduction on her income taxes.

That money now belongs to Jack.

"It's now his money and upon retirement, the theory is that he will be in a lower marginal rate than what Judy would be," Irwin said.

In Canada, spouses can be married, common-law, or same-sex partners, he added. "The main philosophy behind the spousal plan is to provide income-splitting opportunities down the road to lower their tax bill."

A spousal plan is also a good option when one spouse is much older than the other. That's because you can make contributions to your RRSP until the end of the year in which you turn 71; but you can keep paying into a spousal plan until the end of the year when your younger spouse turns 71. That adds up to continued income tax deductions for you, and more retirement savings for your younger husband or wife.

Keep in mind that if money is withdrawn from a spousal RRSP within three years of when it was contributed, the spouse who made the contribution will be hit with a tax bill.

If a separation agreement is in place, the taxes would be paid by the person who redeemed the money, and would not be attributed back to the contributor.

Any early withdrawals from an RRSP are subject to a heavy tax bill, except if the money is pulled out to buy a first home or go back to school.

Spousal plans can be useful here, too: Under the Home Buyers Plan, each spouse can take out \$25,000 from their RRSP.

"If I had \$50,000 of RRSP room and I put the full amount into my own RRSP, I can only take out \$25,000 under the program," Irwin said. "But if I put \$25,000 into my own and \$25,000 into the spousal plan, my spouse and I can each take \$25,000. By using the spousal RRSP, we've doubled the amounts that can be withdrawn under the Home Buyers Plan."

The same principle applies to the Lifelong Learn-

ing Plan.

Many employers have optional group RRSP plans that allow employees to make contributions directly from their paycheck. Some may match contribu-

tions or pitch in percentage to beef up their workers' retirement fund. Those "off-payroll" contributions are a big advantage, Irwin said.

Most people get federal and provincial taxes auto-

matically taken off each paycheck, save up their money, and make a big RRSP contribution once a year. They typically receive an income tax refund, and that's exactly what it is: Be-

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By the numbers

# Cash in your spouse's hands

JON TATTRE  
for Metro Canada



**Spousal RRSPs are a practical means of income-splitting for couples, especially when one earns more than the other.**

It allows the higher-income earner to defer taxes right away and reduces taxes in retirement. For those reasons, many experts recommend taking advantage of spousal RRSPs right away.

"Income splitting is just a way to reduce the family's overall tax bill by shifting the income from the higher-income earner to the lower-income earner, so that the same amount is taxed at the lower rate," explained Dana Scott of Dana Scott Wealth Management in Halifax.

She added the caveat that the contributed funds must be retained in the spousal RRSP for at least three years to avoid taxation at the higher income level.

In retirement, the couple can take income from two RRSPs, instead of just



The spousal RRSP makes sense for those who retire before the age of 65 and want to split income at that point, experts say.

one, lowering the overall tax bill. Rules on income-splitting introduced by the federal government in 2007 took away some of the advantages of spousal RRSPs, but Scott says they still serve a function.

"The spousal RRSP still makes sense, in my view, for those who retire prior to 65 and want to split income at that point," she said. Income-splitting rules aren't as generous as

spousal RRSPs because they have a 50 per cent limit. With a spousal RRSP, you can put all of that income into your spouse's hands, she said.

Common-law or married couples are eligible for the spousal RRSPs, but they don't increase the yearly RRSP limit.

Scott says spousal RRSPs are also useful if the higher earner is going to receive government benefits

**"If one spouse did not have a pension, I'd recommend using spousal RRSPs for sure."**

Alf Staniforth

sooner because they're older or if they have other sources of income.

Then, it's important to put as much income as you can into your spouse's hands.

Alf Staniforth, a senior financial adviser with Asante Wealth Management in Ottawa, said he advises clients to consider spousal RRSPs at any age. It can have particular advantages as you approach retirement.

"If a spouse is younger and the (older) individual turns 71, they still can still make RRSP contributions as a spousal RRSP because the spouse is younger and hasn't reached the cut-off point yet," he explained.

"If one spouse did not have a pension, I'd recommend using spousal RRSPs for sure," he added.

## The ins and outs of spousal RRSPs

Metro presents a few frequently asked questions and answers, compiled with the help of David Ablett, director of tax and retirement planning at Investors Group:

**• What is a spousal RRSP?**  
It's an RRSP opened in your name to which your spouse contributes to.

**• Why use a spousal RRSP?**  
It's a way for a couple with one higher-income-earning spouse to save taxes and equalize retirement income by letting the higher earner contribute money into the lower-income spouse's RRSP where it will be taxed at a lower rate come retirement.

**• Which spouse officially owns the money inside the spousal RRSP?**  
The spouse who actually holds the spousal RRSP.

**• How much can I contribute into my partner's RRSP?**  
You can contribute to a spousal RRSP money up to your normal RRSP contribution limit. If your income is significantly higher than your spouse's, this could mean significantly more tax efficient-

cies than if you had put all the money into your own RRSP.

**• Who receives the tax receipt for contributions made by a spouse into their partner's spousal RRSP?**

The spouse who contributed the money.

**• What happens if the owner of the spousal RRSP withdraws money from it?**  
Any money contributed by the higher-income spouse within the past three years gets taxed at that higher-income earner's tax rate. After three years, any money withdrawn gets taxed at the RRSP owner's tax rate.

**• What happens if the holder of the spousal RRSP dies?**  
A spousal RRSP allows the contributing spouse to make one final contribution in the year of death.

**• What if one spouse is older than the other?**  
Normally, individuals can't contribute to RRSPs after age 71, yet spousal RRSPs allow spouses to contribute until the holder of that spousal RRSP reaches the age of 71.

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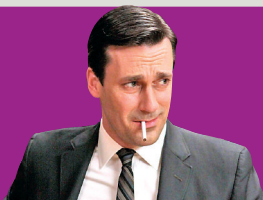


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Then, I stepped off my platform into an inky abyss. I could barely see the glimmer of a swamp below.

Attached to a harness and a cable, I flew through the forest to the next platform. The hum of the zipline and the occasional night bird were the only sounds in my ears.

This was no Central Florida theme park ride — it was a starlight zipline tour on a ranch south of Orlando. For a weekend, I trekked around the area in search of a wild Florida,



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# Entertainment

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## Thrilling recreation

Martin Scorsese chats with Metro about Shutter Island

PHIL BROWN  
for Metro Canada

Few filmmakers have reached the iconic status of Martin Scorsese. With a back catalogue filled with classic titles like *Taxi Driver*, *Raging Bull*, and *Goodfellas*, his place as one of the greats in cinema history is assured.

These days the director has little left to accomplish, but can't stop making movies because of his undying passion for the medium. An obsessive cinephile, Scorsese continues to be inspired by films of the past and seeks out opportunities to make projects equal to

those that enthrall him as a viewer. His latest film is *Shutter Island*, an attempt to recreate one of the Hollywood thrillers of his youth.

Although Scorsese had previously undertaken something similar in 1991 with *Cape Fear*, the director told Metro that he wasn't sure how *Shutter Island* would turn out.

"I like to say that I didn't quite know what it would be and gave myself over to the material along with the actors," he said. "It was a process of discovery throughout. That doesn't mean that I didn't know

that it was going to be a process of discovery, I just didn't know how much there would be and there turned out to be a great deal."

Though somewhat uneasy with the material, Scorsese did know from the beginning where his movie fit in with the history of film and how he would honour his narrative forbearers.

"I think the trappings of the story and the nature of the situation automatically bring certain films to my mind and certain images that go back several hundred years," said Scorsese. "A shot of a mansion at

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Martin Scorsese

night in a storm creates certain reactions because that's part of our DNA to a certain extent in film. So the movie draws a lot on a very long memory of films that I've seen and books that I've read over the years. "The issue was to have them work for our story



Martin Scorsese and Leonardo DiCaprio on the set of *Shutter Island*.

and our characters, but at the same time refer to other material from the past. In other words, the more you see of the past the more you can draw up that to make the present and the future."

When asked what specific influences he drew upon for his tale of a detective unraveling a dark mystery in a foreboding mental institution, the director pointed to a few specific genre filmmakers he valued above all others.

"Well there's always Mario Bava and his use of very powerful colours. I always loved the thriller/horror films that he made in the late '50s early '60s like *Black Sunday* and *Black*

*Sabbath* and I keep referring to them," revealed Scorsese. "But Val Lewton and Jacques Tourneur's movies like *Cat People* are really the key films. They are beautiful works of poetry that I look at repeatedly. They are like pieces of music. I keep watching them and its kind of new every time. I can't reach that level of Tourneur though. He was remarkable."

Scorsese might be too modest to admit that he's an equal to the filmmakers that inspire him, but audiences need to only watch a few minutes of his extraordinary work to see that he is one of the true masters of cinema.

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# The Hunter seeks the Golden Bear

An Iranian movie, made against the backdrop of last year's election campaign and centering on a man whose wife is killed in a shootout between police and demonstrators, made its debut yesterday at the Berlin film festival.

Director Rafi Pitts said he received authorization to make The Hunter from Iranian authorities and shot it before the violence that followed President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's disputed re-election last June.

Pitts, who grew up in Tehran but has lived in Britain and France since, said he had "no idea"



Iranian Rafi Pitts both directs and stars in film The Hunter.

when the film might be shown in Iran.

"I don't think it's a one-sided film, so I think it has the right to be shown," he said at a news conference. "The question is, will they give me the right?"

The film's main character, played by the director, is released from prison amid talk of upcoming elections and Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. He tries to spend time with his wife

and young daughter, but they are accidentally killed in a shootout. Pitts' character, Ali, randomly shoots dead two policemen on a city highway, after a long and frustrating wait for information, and flees before being nabbed by two officers who argue about what to do with their captive. Pitts insisted that the film depicts a "Kafkaesque situation (that) relates to many countries, it's a universal theme."

The Hunter is one of 20 films competing for the festival's top Golden Bear prize, which will be awarded Saturday.

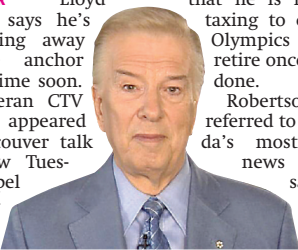
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## Robertson is not fading into the sunset anytime soon

NEWSCASTER

Lloyd Robertson says he's not stepping away from the anchor desk any time soon.

The veteran CTV newscaster appeared on a Vancouver talk radio show Tuesday to dispel the online rumours



that he is finding it taxing to cover the Olympics and will retire once they are done.

Robertson, often referred to as "Canada's most trusted news anchor," said the rumours were a

"fascinating work of fiction, really fascinating."

"I don't know where this comes from, but the premise is that I'm tired, I'm worn out," Robertson said on CKNW's The Bill Good Show.

According to the rumours, the 76-year-old plans to tell top brass at the beginning of next month

that he will step down.

"Do I look like I'm wasting away?" Robertson asked Good while chuckling over the story. "Do I look tired?"

The rumours began with a blog post by Howard Bernstein, a former TV producer who has worked for CBC, CTV and Global.

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prime	12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Access H	Olympic Zone	XXI Winter Olympics Snowboarding, Speed Skating, Skiing (HDTV) (Live)										
	29	29	29	NW	(6) Power & Politics		Connect Today's biggest stories (N)				CBC News: The National		Geo. Journey						
	4	4	4	PBS-B	PBS NewsHour (N)		Greater Boston		This Old H'se	Faces of America		The National Parks: America's Best Idea							
	35	35	35	PBS-D	PBS NewsHour (N)		Business Rpt.		Worldfocus	Faces of America		The National Parks: America's Best Idea							
	68	68	68	TQS	(6:30) Jeux olympiques d'hiver: Vancouver 2010 Le hockey féminin, patinage de vitesse courte piste, surf des neiges. (En direct)														
	23	96	96	BNN	Business News		Headline		Market Call Tonight		The Close	Market Call	Squeeze Play	Business News					
	18	18	18	CNN	(6) The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer (N)						Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Cooper 360				
	54	54	54	GOLF	Golf Central (HDTV) (Live)						PGA Tour Golf WGC Accenture Match Play Championship, Day 1. (HDTV)								
	52	52	52	RSE	XXI Winter Olympics Curling, Speed Skating, Hockey (HDTV) (Live)														
	55	55	55	SCOR	HSR		Covers Experts		NBA Basketball Memphis Grizzlies at Toronto Raptors (Live)				NBA Basketball						
sports	45	45	45	SPD	Unique Whips		Pass Time		NASCAR Hub		Dangerous Drives (HDTV) (N)		Pass Time (N)	Pass Time (N)	Wrecked				
	53	53	53	TSN	XXI Winter Olympics Hockey, Curling, Snowboarding, Hockey, Women's; Curling, Women's; Snowboarding; Halpibe, Men's.														
	43	43	43	FAM	Han, Montana		Wizards-Place		Sonny Choo		Suite Life		Overruled!	Han, Montana	Wizards-Place	Latest Buzz	Ned's School		
	44	44	44	TOON	Jimmy Two		Johnny Test		Scooby-Doo		Total Drama		6TEEN	Futurama	King of the Hill	American Dad	Babar		
	26	26	26	TREE	Timmy Time		3rd and Bird		Backyardigans		Night Garden		Max & Ruby	Franklin	Little Bear	Bucket-Dinos	Babar		
	27	27	27	YTV	iCarly		To Be Indie		Fries That?		Prank Patrol		The Next Star		The Next Star "16 to 6"		Family Biz		
	16	16	16	A&E	The First 48 Caddiver.				Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		Dog the Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		
	70	70	70	APTN	The Journey David Gill.		XXI Winter Olympics Skiing, Cross Country Skiing (Live)								Jeux olympiques d'hiver				
	50	50	50	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N)								BET Honors 2010 Host Gabrielle Union.				The Game		
	37	37	37	BRVO	Emily of New Moon		Death at Opera		Bravo/Videos		Arts & Minds		O'Reagan File		Wingfield		Star Portraits		White Collar
family	25	25	25	CMT	The Show (N)		CMT Star		Amer. Funniest Home Videos		Reba		Reba		According-Jim		According-Jim		Home Improve.
	49	49	49	COM	Just for Laughs		Air Force		22 Minutes		Corner Gas		Name Is Earl		The Simpsons		South Park		Little Britain
	153	153	153	COURT	Situation Critical		Navy SEALs: Untold Stories		Crime Files		Dumb Criminal		Special Forces		Man vs. Wild "Texas"		Mayday		
	38	38	38	DISC	Canada's Worst Driver		Daily Planet (N)		The Colony (N)		Agent-Argent		Real Estate		Property Virgin		Unsellable		House Hunters
	34	34	34	HGTV	Extreme Makeover: Home		Ice Pilots NWT (N)		Nostradamus Effect		disBAND (N)		Video on Trial		Secret Life of American Teen		At the Base		
	46	46	46	HIST	Re-Inventors		Re-Inventors		Make It or Break It		The Daily Fix				Gene Simmons		Gene Simmons		Entourage
	17	17	17	MM	(6) MOD Live at the Base														
	19	19	19	MMM	mmtop10.ca														
	201	201	201	M1	(6:45) Disaster Movie				(8:15) Grindstone Road (2008, Suspense) Fairuza Balk.						Fast & Furious ** (2009, Action)				
	48	203	23	OLN	XXI Winter Olympics		Angry Planet		Bounty Hunter		XXI Winter Olympics Snowboarding, Luge (Live)								
cable variety	51	51	51	PEACH	Friends		Name Is Earl		Family Guy		Family Guy		College Basketball Georgia at Tennessee (HDTV) (Live)						Law & Order
	206	206	206	PIX	(6:25) Paint Cans **				(8:10) Mulholland Falls ** (1996, Mystery)						The End of Leash ** (1997, Drama)				
	67	67	67	RDI	RDI monde		RDI économie		24 Heures en 60 minutes (SC)		Grands reportages (SC)		Le Téléjournal (SC)				RDI économie		
	39	39	39	SHOW	Trailer Park		Trailer Park		Relic Hunter		Summer House (2008, Suspense)		Lindsay Price.				Hawthorne (N)		
	40	40	40	SLICE	What Happen?		Wedding SOS		Rich Bride Poor Bride		End of Leash		End of Leash		End/Leash		End of Leash		
	47	47	47	SPACE	Stargate SG-1				Stargate Atlantis (DVS)		Star Trek: Voyager		Smallville "Roulette"		Supernatural				
	14	14	14	SPIKE	DEA "Deadly Chase" (HDTV)		Ways to Die		Ways to Die		Ways to Die		Ways to Die		Ways to Die		Ways to Die		
	57	98	98	STAR	etalk		TMZ (N)		Look-A-Like		TMZ		The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)		The View (HDTV) (N)		Dr. Oz Show		
	21	21	21	TLC	Say Yes-Dress		Say Yes, Dress		Mystery Diagnosis		Obese and Pregnant		Twins by Surprise				Toddler-Tiara		
	34	34	34	TROP	Project Runway Canada		Rescue Ink				Hoarders "Deborah; Jim"		Hoarders "Linda; Todd"				Parking Wars		
cable variety	20	20	20	TVS	Que-champion		Journal de Fr2		Verdict		Papa (2004, Com, dramatique) Alain		Chabot, Martin Combes.				A Table		
	28	28	28	V	Emily of New Moon		Murder, She Wrote		Cold Case "Fireflies"		No Place Like		Open All Hours		Doc Martin (N)		Unscripted (N)		
	60	97	97	VIVA	Da Vinci's Inquest		Supernanny		Missing "Resurrection"		Chief Worthy		Grocery Bag		The Restaurant		Grocery Bag		Rivals (2000)
	22	22	22	W	House-Sell		House-Sell		Two/Half Men		Family Guy		Life Unexpected (HDTV)		Gossip Girl (HDTV)		WGN News		
	251	251	251	WGN	Hغن Evening News		Two/Half Men		Family Guy		Life Unexpected (HDTV)		Gossip Girl (HDTV)						

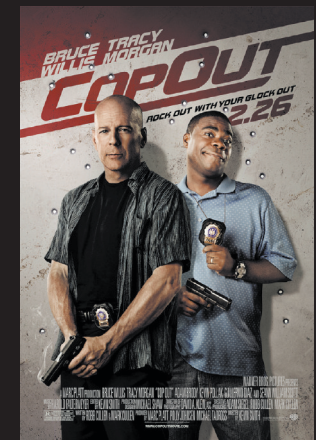
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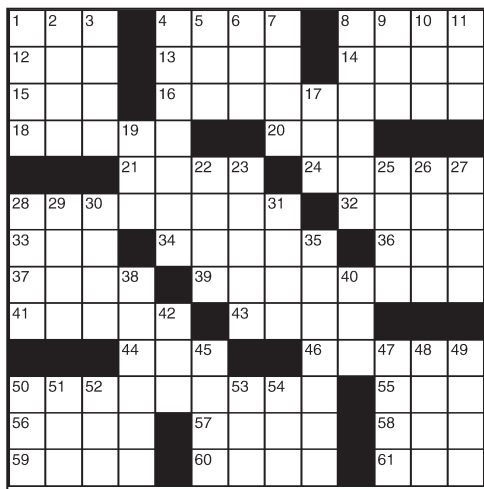






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## Take Five



### ACROSS

- 1 Burst
- 4 Old fogey
- 8 Gets on in years
- 12 Latin 101 word
- 13 Always
- 14 Hobbler
- 15 Zero
- 16 It might not indicate true worth
- 18 Seat at the bar
- 20 Rowing tool
- 21 Unpaid amount
- 24 Eccentric
- 28 King, queen or jack
- 32 "— Breckinridge"
- 33 Wood-shaping tool
- 34 Cornered
- 36 Brooch
- 37 Use a rotary phone
- 39 Friendster alternative
- 41 Scatter
- 43 Medicinal amount
- 44 Petrol

- 46 Lure
- 50 Means of maintaining dignity
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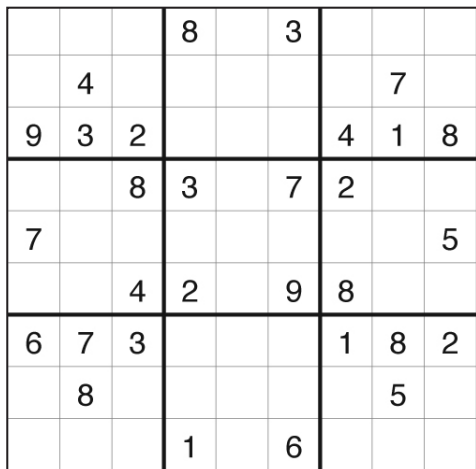
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- 2 Leave out
- 3 Horseback sport
- 4 Ricochet
- 5 Eggs
- 6 Calendar abbr.
- 7 Sandwich cook- ie
- 8 Old-style call to arms
- 9 Cowboy's sweetie
- 10 Ostich's cousin
- 11 Witness
- 17 Moving truck
- 19 Praiseful

- 22 John Candy's role in "Spaceballs"
- 23 Tire pattern
- 25 Glitch in print
- 26 Threesome
- 27 Pull hard
- 28 Craze
- 29 Mine entrance
- 30 Despot
- 31 Erte's art style
- 35 Ruin
- 38 Table with a map
- 40 Spelling contest
- 42 Existed
- 45 Without
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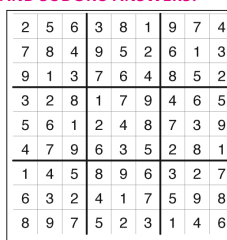
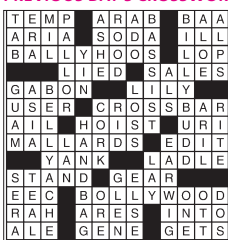
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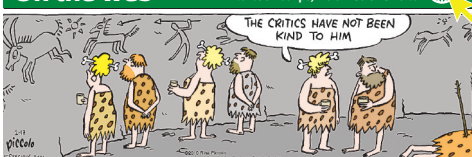


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## Metro Recipe of the Day



### Mushroom Green Bean Casserole

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb (500 g) fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) butter
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) all-purpose flour
- 1 cup (250 mL) half-and-half cream
- 1 jar process cheese spread
- 2 tsp (10 mL) soy sauce
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) pepper
- 1/8 tsp (0.5 mL) hot pepper sauce
- 1 can sliced water chestnuts, drained
- 2 packages frozen French-style green beans, thawed and well drained
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) slivered almonds

1. In large skillet, sauté mushrooms and onion in

butter. Stir in flour until blended. Gradually stir in cream. Bring to boil; cook, stirring, 2 minutes or until thickened.  
2. Reduce heat; add cheese sauce, soy sauce, pepper and hot pepper sauce, stirring until cheese is melted. Remove from heat; stir in water chestnuts.  
3. Place beans in ungreased 3-L baking dish. Pour cheese mixture over top. Sprinkle with almonds. Bake, uncovered, at 375°F (190°C) 25-30 minutes or until bubbly.

#### SERVES 14



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### ARIES

**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**  
There is so much in your life you have to be thankful for and today's Venus-Jupiter union will remind you how fortunate you are to have been born an Aries.



### TAURUS

**APRIL 21-MAY 21**  
You won't have to go looking for excitement today. Wherever you happen to be and whatever you happen to be doing it will find you.



### LIBRA

**SEPT 23-OCT 23**  
Ultimately, we get out in proportion to what we put in, and with your ruler Venus influenced by Jupiter today there is no doubt you will give your all.



### SCORPIO

**OCT 24-NOV 22**  
Something with a foreign or exotic flavor to it will capture your imagination today. It may even capture your heart.



### GEMINI

**MAY 22-JUNE 21**  
For some strange reason you are having all sorts of dreadful thoughts about tomorrow. On the contrary, life is good and about to get even better.



### SAGITTARIUS

**NOV 23-DEC 21**  
Even the most unemotional of Sagittarians will find ways to let partners and loved ones know how they feel over the next 24 hours.



### CANCER

**JUNE 22-JULY 22**  
Express yourself fully. If you are not flavor of the month already you will be in a matter of days, and you must take advantage of it.



### CAPRICORN

**DEC 22-JAN 20**  
There is no guarantee that someone feels about you what you feel about them but don't let that stop you from admitting it.



### LEO

**JULY 23-AUG 23**  
Don't miss out on a great opportunity just because you think it would be wrong to profit and have fun while other people are struggling.



### AQUARIUS

**JAN 21-FEB 18**  
The Sun may be about to leave your birth sign but that does not mean you should try to cram in as much extra work as you can over the next 24 hours.



### VIRGO

**AUG 24-SEPT 22**  
Venus joins forces with luck planet Jupiter today, making it easy for you to ignore criticism and do what feels right to you.



### PISCES

**FEB 19-MARCH 20**  
With the Sun moving into Pisces tomorrow, you clearly have much to look forward to. Your special time of year is about to begin.



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## This day in history

- 1600: The philosopher Giordano Bruno is burned alive at Campo de' Fiori in Rome for heresy.
- 1904: Madame Butterfly receives its premiere at La Scala in Milan.
- 1925: Harold Ross and Jane Grant found The New Yorker magazine; the debut issue is dated Feb. 21, 1925.
- 1958: Pope Pius XII declares Saint Clare of Assisi (1193-1253) the patron saint of television.
- 1972: Sales of the Volkswagen Beetle model exceed those of Ford Model T.
- 1979: The Sino-Vietnamese War begins.

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